ALLOWANCE

This action is in response to Applicant's submission dated August 26, 2008, in which Applicant cancelled claims 3-4, 6, 8, 21, and 35. Claims 1-2, 5, 7, 9-20, 22-24, 30-34, and 36-37 are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Examiner previously rejected claims 3-4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement because the specification does not enable the instant compounds to inhibit hYAK3 and/or MK2 proteins in a mammal or treat a disorder selected from neutropenia; cytopenia; anemias, including cancer; polycythemia; myelosuppression; arthritis; COPD; asthma; psoriasis; acute neuronal injury; heart failure; stroke; and ischemia reperfusion injury using an effective amount of a compound corresponding of formula I or enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Because Applicant has cancelled claims 3-4, Applicant has overcome this rejection.

Examiner previously rejected claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for preventing diseases. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Because Applicant has cancelled claim 4, Applicant has overcome this rejection.

Examiner previously rejected claims 1-37 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification does not reasonably provide enablement for making solvates of the claimed invention. The specification does not enable a person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims.

Because Applicant has deleted the term "solvates" from the claims, Examiner withdraws this rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Erich A. Leeser whose telephone number is 571-272-9932. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 6:00 EST.

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